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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 11, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention is obviously not restricted to the illustrated embodiment. Further embodiments are possible without departing from the basic concept. Thus, in particular, the shape of the sleeve base 4 with passage opening 5 can be formed in a different manner, for example the conical region 4b of the sleeve base 4 can extend into the rearward region of the spindle 10; in the case of such a form, the underneath outer profile of the piston-shaped element 11 is then selected to be complementary to the shape in the conical region 4b of the sleeve base 4.

Please replace the paragraph running from page 4, line 16 to page 5, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In reversal of previous solutions it is thus proposed in accordance with the invention to form the piston-shaped element at the underside to be quasi an exact fit with respect to the surrounding region of the sleeve base or of the region, which projects into the sleeve-shaped element, of the socket-shaped rotary grip, so that there is virtually no cavity below the piston-shaped element in the lower piston setting. Free space between the piston shaped element and the sleeve base is confined to a region intermediate the complementary underside of the piston-shaped element and the region of the rotary grip when the piston-shaped element is adjacent the sleeve base. This has the consequence that no air can collect within the device below the piston-shaped element during the filling

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process, since virtually no corresponding free space is present between the piston-shaped element and the sleeve base. During the cooling-down process of the coatable glue mass filled into the device, no air can therefore be sucked into the mass from the region below the piston-shaped element, since practically no air is present in this region. A bubble formation can thereby be almost completely avoided, so that the undesired material break off of the coatable mass from the piston-shaped element during handling of the device no longer happens.